



Grand Lodge Bulletin

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WHAT DO MEN FIND IN MASONRY ?



My brethren, as I have visited with you in the months past, I have spoken to you mainly of everyday concerns, and only occasionally of what I believe Masonry has to give to the man who opens his mind and heart to its mysteries.

We are now only a few weeks away from the sixty-eighth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, and the end of my term as your Grand Master. In my address to that Communication I shall submit to the Craft my conception of what Masonry is and what it is not, of what it should be and can be. Meantime, there is a question that I would like to discuss with you now, in this, my last official message to you on this page. That question is "What do men find in Masonry that never fails them, and that binds them securely to the Craft for life?"

The answer is not an easy one, and can be found only after prolonged thought and careful consideration of the essential elements of Masonry. To many brethren the answer is simply fellowship. To some, it is that Masonry offers a fascinating and still partly veiled history of an ancient society whose beginnings are lost in antiquity. To still others, its appeal is spiritual and inspirational, or the intellectual stimulation provided by its lectures, ceremonies and symbols. Part

of the answer lies in the normal desire of most men to belong to some society of standing and good reputation. Each of these answers reflect part of the magnetism our fraternity exerts upon us, but I suggest it takes all of these and many more to constitute the cement that binds us together.

A well known man once made a comment that was so unusual I have never forgotten it. He said that he had never met a man he didn't like.

Let us consider that comment. It seems improbable that any man could go through life without meeting someone that he could not like. Yet this man meant what he said, and surely that tells us much about what kind of a man he was himself. He must have had a deep understanding of human beings. He must have been of so generous a mind as to look beyond the flaws in others and see the good behind the facade. He must have **wanted** to like his fellow man. Whether he was a Mason or not, I don't know, but certainly he had the attitude toward his fellows that a Mason is expected to cultivate. His words help us toward the answer to our question.

During the last four years I have met many Masons, in lodges scattered across this jurisdiction. No two are precisely alike as persons or in their characters as Masons. They represent every occupation and profession, and every degree of material success and prosperity. No matter how they differ, they have at least one thing in common. They are all men of principle and integrity, and they practice Masonry, each in his own way, in the belief that the Masonic way is the best way to achieve a happy and productive life.

Now I shall give you my answer to the question.

The tie that binds us together is the desire we share to know and love our fellow men, and to work together, despite our differences, for the betterment of ourselves and the society in which we live. All of the special riches of Masonry—the history, the symbolism, the beauty of our ceremonies—are bonuses that are heaped upon us when we meet together in brotherhood. The cement of brotherly love and affection, which unites us into a society of friends and brothers, is where the strength of Masonry lies.

F. GLENN FOX, Grand Master

NOMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN



R.W. Bro. Anton Oscar Aspeslet was born in Surrey, England on July 1, 1918. He was initiated in Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge on November 17, 1958 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1964 and 1970. In 1971-72 he served as D.D.G.M. of District No. 7. He was a member of the Board of General Purposes in 1970 and in 1972-73 was a member of the Committee on the work. Bro. Aspeslet is employed by the Department of Agriculture as a Dairy Specialist.



R.W. Bro. Harold Norman Lukes was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 12, 1913. He was initiated into Radville Lodge No. 175, G.R.S. and affiliated with Concord Lodge No. 124, Calgary on May 1, 1948. In 1962 he became the Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge. District No. 18 elected him its D.D.G.M. in 1965-66. His occupation is a Civil Servant.

OTHER NOMINATIONS

Elected by Acclamation

GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. Gordon Johnston Armstrong
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. George Randolph Sterling
SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

R.W. Bro. William Alexander Milligan
GRAND TREASURER — One To Be Elected

X R.W. Bro. Robert Lefley Costigan, Corinthian No. 22,
Elbow River No. 180

V.W. Bro. Alison Harold Rogerson, Irricana No. 137
GRAND REGISTRAR — One To Be Elected

W. Bro. Jack Brown, Commercial No. 81

W. Bro. Sailendra Kumer Chakravorty, Ashlar No. 28

X W. Bro. David Cumming, Concord No. 124

V.W. Bro. Frederick William Thompson Fritz,
Mizpah No. 35

W. Bro. George William Waite, Crescent No. 87

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

— Three To Be Elected

X R.W. Bro. Walter Alvar Anderson, Irricana No. 137

X R.W. Bro. Douglas S. Bareham, Bow River No. 1

W. Bro. David Cumming, Concord No. 124

W. Bro. Cecil Douglas Holmes, Red Deer No. 12

X M.W. Bro. William Ireland, Perfection No. 9

W. Bro. William Walter Towers,
Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

— Eight To Be Elected

X W. Bro. Walter Ker Agnew, Acacia No. 11

W. Bro. Glenn Jordon Bishop, Saskatchewan No. 92

V.W. Bro. Matthew Boyd, Spirit River No. 116

R.W. Bro. William Henry Driscoll, Acacia No. 11,
Avon Glen No. 170

X R.W. Bro. Walter Edward Foster,
Mountain View No. 16

X W. Bro. William Robertson Gilchrist,
Commercial No. 81

W. Bro. Abraham Bernhard Klassen, Unity No. 51

X W. Bro. William Neil Love, Renfrew No. 134

W. Bro. Edward Charles Mellon, Glenbow No. 184

X W. Bro. George William Millen, Ashlar No. 28

X R.W. Bro. Carl Norman Nelson, Champion No. 84

W. Bro. Edward Gibbs Phillipson, Mizpah No. 35

X W. Bro. Arthur Price, Renfrew No. 134

W. Bro. Donald Gordon Selkirk, Beacon No. 190

X W. Bro. Brian Edwin Wayne Smith, King George
No. 59, Glenbow No. 184

R.W. Bro. Charles Young, Sentinel No. 26,
Hinton No. 178

MASONIC HIGHER EDUCATION BURSARY
COMMITTEE — Elected by Acclamation

W. Bro. Keith Leland Evans, Crescent No. 87

R.W. Bro. William Edwin Robinson, Unity No. 51

THE SIXTY EIGHTH COMMUNICATION of the GRAND LODGE of ALBERTA

The Sixty-eighth Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta will be held in the Kinsmen Centre in the Calgary Stampede Grounds. The brethren are requested to note this change of location. The Stampede Grounds are located on the Macleod Trail at Seventeenth Avenue S.W. The Kinsmen Centre may be arrived at by going through the entrance to the Stampede Grounds at Seventeenth Avenue and Fourth Street S.W. The building is near Flare Square and directly east of the Stampede Corral. The Grand Lodge Banquet will be held in the same location on Wednesday evening June 13. The noon luncheon on the same day will be held in the nearby Agricultural Building.

The Grand Lodge Officers and the guests of Grand Lodge will be staying in the Palliser Hotel. Those wishing accommodation in this hotel should make early reservation. A bus will leave from the Palliser on Thursday morning for the Kinsmen Centre.

The meetings on Thursday morning, June 14, which will see the new Grand Master installed will be held in the Calgary Masonic Temple, 330 - 12 Ave. S.W. Brethren are warned that parking is at a premium around the Temple.

Tickets for the Banquet are \$5.00 and are available at the Grand Lodge Office. The guest speaker will be M.W. Bro. Mervyn J. Woods, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Your Schedule — June 13 —

7:45 a.m.—Bus leaves the Palliser Hotel

8:00 a.m.—Registration opens and balloting begins

12:00 noon—Luncheon (tickets \$2.50)

6:30 p.m.—Banquet

June 14—

9:00 a.m.—Installation Ceremonies

BULLETINS and NEWSLETTERS from North East West and South

An area of considerable interest in our Grand Lodge Library is that reserved for the bulletins, newsletters and other publications from the many jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alberta. If you ever have time to browse among the many shapes and sizes of pages, colours of printing and foreign languages used you will see the Universality of our Craft open out before your eyes.

When reading it is difficult to find any subject which lacks interest and it would be hard for any reader to fail to find ideas and thoughts which would force themselves upon his mind as being of considerable value in other jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge of India Newsletter of December 1972 (Vol. VI, No. 9) is particularly interesting in that it refers to a new fraternal involvement and recounts the opening ceremonies of the venture. This publication in English is pleasant to read because the editorial committee uses a rich form of English that we are tending to lose in our rather harshly precise, time saving and somewhat slang laden speech.

The article entitled "Masonic Poly-Clinic Inaugurated" indicates that the "R.W. Bro. Lt. Gen. Sir Harold Williams Masonic Poly Clinic" has been established to meet the needs of the urban population of Delhi who do not have totally adequate medical facilities by any other means. The clinic will immediately provide complete pathological laboratories and also cardio-therapy for the people of Delhi on a "no loss, no profit" basis. The essential qualified staff has been employed but a retired pathologist has offered to visit daily and supervise the service, while many well known physicians and surgeons have offered a couple of hours daily without charge as consultants.

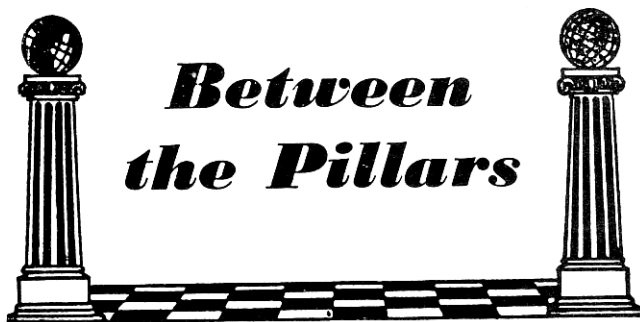
It is anticipated that the poly-clinic will soon extend its services to provide X-ray; ear, nose and throat; dental; and ophthalmic services etc. The Gover-

nor of Delhi in addressing the assembly made some very significant statements about Freemasonry even though he is not a member of the Craft. Perhaps the best was 'Freemasonry lays stress only on those things on which all men are agreed, instead of stressing things on which men have ever been divided'.

The Regional Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Hon. Justice Prakash Narain, gave a welcoming speech to the Governor before a large audience of Masons and non-Masons, and his speech contained much that we can express to the public with freedom. It was an inspiring address which clearly outlined the purpose, belief and precepts on which Masonry is founded. He stressed the importance of Masons not countenancing acts which may subvert peace and good order, of paying due obedience to the laws of God and Man and avoiding discussing differences of religion or politics where controversy might arise. He pointed out that the secrets of our rites are only of interest to Freemasons and that these secrets lacked conflict with religious, social, or political beliefs or with the normal avocations of man.

The greatest point he made was that after giving the statistics on the growth of Masonry in India over the past 200 years he said there was not a single institutional or community project, prior to the poly-clinic, established for the benefit of the common man. The important result of this realization was an activation of Masonic charity, relief and education in a tangible way aimed at the needs of ALL people who could benefit.

The article is well worth reading and should give you some pause for thought in where YOU as a MASON are contributing towards your professed beliefs in Charity in some tangible way with your time, concern or money.



Between the Pillars

We received a question concerning the origin the meaning and the worthwhileness of the Grand Honours accorded to members of Grand Lodge.

It is difficult to discover the actual origin of Grand Honours but the general opinion seems to be that they were adapted from the British practice of according courtesies to visitors of high rank. Members of Royalty and their representatives are accorded the courtesy of gun salutes when making official visits. In Canada the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governors are accorded courtesies or salutes as prescribed by law.

This practice has been adapted by the Masonic Order and various Grand Officers are accorded courtesies as are laid down in the constitution.

Freemasonry has put into these courtesies certain symbolism—

1. Slapping the thighs—a primitive gesture of joy, enthusiasm and thanksgiving.
2. Crossing the arms over the breast is the formation of the Cross of St. Andrew and is a sign of respect and honour.
3. Clapping the hands above the head to form a right angled triangle, the fourth part of a circle which does not need to be explained to a mason.
4. Clapping the hands and stamping the feet—sign of enthusiasm and appreciation.

Thus with Grand Honours we say to a visitor—

Welcome you with joy
We receive you with respect and honour
We greet you on the square
We appreciate your presence.

Whether Grand Honours are too long and whether they are useful we must leave for the individual to judge.

Another query has been received about the reason for the delay of initiation until at least seven clear days have elapsed after the acceptance of a candidate by a Lodge. (see the Constitution section 555 (3))

The reason follows in the Constitution Section 556. This says that even after a candidate has been balloted for and accepted, a member of the craft (it does not say of the particular lodge) may state in writing to the Secretary of the Lodge an objection. Then the constitution lays out the procedure that the Worshipful Master must follow.

The Bulletin Committee does not attempt to interpret the constitution but does lay before our

readers the facts as outlined in the Constitution. Any need to have the constitution interpreted or clarified must be sent in writing to the Grand Secretary who will refer it to the Committee on Jurisprudence for action.

60TH ANNIVERSARY, HANNA LODGE No. 78

The 60th Anniversary of the Hanna Lodge No. 78, A.F. & A.M. will take place May 5th, 6th and 7th, 1973.

The first event will be that of the Annual Ball in the Hanna Memorial Hall on May 5th, with a Church Parade on Sunday, May 6th, and Monday afternoon will be the meeting, which will give the history of the Lodge, followed by a banquet and guest speakers.

All brothers of the Fraternity are welcome, especially those who are non-resident members.

Anyone interested in the celebration may contact R. G. Mayberry, Box 100, Hanna, Alberta, T0J 1P0, for further details and tickets.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Bro. Hermon George of Youngstown, Ohio writes that he enjoys the Bulletin especially the messages from the Grand Master. He notes that the Grand Master of Ohio is M.W. Bro. Dale E. Fox of Cincinnati. So other jurisdictions have their Foxes, too.

The Librarian of the United Grand Lodge of England acknowledges with thanks the receipt of copies of our Bulletin.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE RENOVATIONS

The Grand Lodge Office is undergoing extensive renovations to improve the facilities there. An air conditioning unit is to be installed. An office for the Grand Master will be created. The Grand Lodge Library is to be moved to a room that is to be renovated. At the time of writing confusion reigned but the office staff and the Grand Secretary are accepting the crisis with their usual cheerfulness and efficiency. In a few weeks the brethren should make a visit to the offices to see the new creation. Several brethren have remarked that, since the Library will be housed in more adequate quarters, now may be the time to appoint a Grand Librarian.

CONCORD LODGE

We note that, in March, Concord Lodge No. 124 held a Family Breakfast on a Sunday morning. The members were invited to bring their families and entertainment was provided for the children. The event was held at the Elk's Club.

This quotation is from the Notice of Vulcan Lodge No. 74—"The reputation of the Fraternity, to a greater or lesser degree, is in the keeping of each member. It is within the power of every Mason to glorify or nullify the institution. The public never reads Masonic books or Masonic philosophy. Its idea of the Fraternity is not well defined, and the sole basis of judgement it falls back upon is the character of those who are supposed to exemplify its teachings".